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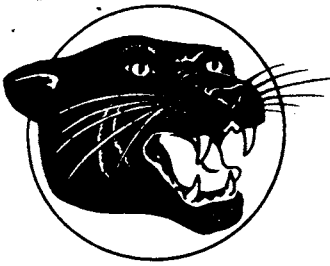
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's offensive powered baseball team, which won 12 of its final 14 games to finish 29-11, has earned a berth in the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional.

The Panthers will meet Lewis University (54-15) at 2 p.m. Thursday (May 14) at Omaha, Nebraska.

It's the fifth NCAA tournament bid in the last nine years for the Panthers. EIU finished second in the NAIA last spring.

Host Nebraska-Omaha, 29-14 and winner of the North Central Conference, will meet the champion of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Currently Southwest Missouri (31-11) and Central Missouri (29-14) are competing in a playoff. The double elimination tournament will conclude Saturday with the regional winner advancing, along with five other regional titlists, to the NCAA II World Series at Riverside, California, May 23-27.

"Since last fall our players have been working hard for this opportunity," said Coach Tom McDevitt, who has a 102-68 four year record.

"So we're tickled to death to be in it . . . however, we drew a tough assignment with Lewis. Winning 54 games is impressive and having finished 2nd in the NAIA last year, they are tournament smart.

"We'll start (Randy) Weibel against them, and then decide from there who pitches . . . it'll depend upon who we play and what I see in that other game," McDevitt said.

EIU may be handicapped by the illness to its All-American, Tim Pyznarski, (Chicago-Ridge-Marist), probably the best all-around offensive threat in NCAA II.

"Pyz isn't well . . . he has a strep throat . . . has lost about 12 pounds and when he went home last week still wasn't able to eat any solid food," McDevitt said.

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Pyznarski set season and career records for batting average (.496 and .391), home runs (18 and 32), runs batted in (68 and 146), hits (66 and 150) and runs (58-114).

Matt Cimo (Lockport-Joliet Catholic), playing in Pyznarski's shadow, also had a remarkable season hitting .437 with eight homers and 40 RBIs.

Freshman Kevin Seitzer (Lincoln) was the third starter over .400 at .420. He also had the fewest strikeouts, nine, of any regular. Righthanded pitcher Lenny Lundberg (Palos Hills-Stagg), a four year letterman, developed into a reliable starter after serving as a reliever for most of his career.

Lundberg appeared in over one third of the games with an 8-3 record and 3.39 ERA. He pitched a team high 61 innings.

"We executed very well the last few games . . . if we're fortunate enough to get a bid, I'd like to think we'd enter the tournament clicking on all cylinders.

"I'm a little concerned because there's a two-week layoff before the regionals but you never know . . . it might work to our advantage because there has been little break since the season started back in March," McDevitt said.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1981 VARSITY BASEBALL STATISTICS (29-11)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>FDG</u>
Tim Pyznarski, 3b-of	.496	40	133	58	66	9	2	18	68	10	23	13	34	43	16	.828
Matt Cimo, of	.437	40	135	39	59	8	0	8	40	13	18	11	62	3	0	1.000
Kevin Seitzer, of-3b	.420	40	131	49	55	7	2	1	23	9	27	8	29	23	6	.896
Gordon Smith, 1b	.367	40	120	37	44	4	1	3	34	12	24	4	312	15	3	.991
Rich Lambert, of	.275	29	80	18	22	8	1	2	17	12	6	4	18	0	3	.857
Jeff Yocum, c	.375	39	96	12	36	6	1	1	20	10	23	1	216	19	3	.987
Rich Koenig, dh	.265	35	98	18	26	2	1	5	19	18	16	1	0	0	0	----
Brian Jones, ss	.295	37	112	22	33	2	0	2	24	12	6	3	44	77	14	.896
Tom Detmer, Of-2b	.316	36	117	35	37	6	1	1	18	10	18	6	67	55	10	.924
Brian Dillard, 2b-of	.289	28	38	21	11	0	1	1	4	10	1	12	13	14	0	1.000
Jim Workman, 2b	.088	15	34	5	3	0	0	0	3	6	0	1	11	36	8	.854
Neal Bertram, dh-ss	.407	13	27	5	11	1	1	0	4	5	2	0	9	5	2	.875
Brad Yakos, c	.428	4	7	2	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	8	1	0	1.000
Steve French, dh	.000	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	----
Others	----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	70	2	----
EIU TOTALS	.359	40	1130	322	406	54	11	42	277	128	165	64	838	361	67	.947
OPPONENTS	.263	40	1088	179	286	48	9	35	154	209	123	34	788	344	82	.932

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>
Randy Weibel, rh	3.65	11	8	5	0	1	6	1	56 2/3	48	31	23	28	54
Elliott Skorupa, rh	3.89	11	8	2	2	0	4	2	39 1/3	42	24	17	28	29
Lenny Lundberg, rh	3.39	15	6	4	1	1	8	3	61	51	31	23	25	54
Bill Morton, lh	6.46	9	6	2	0	1	2	2	30 2/3	43	32	22	10	22
Gerry Schlechte, rh	2.17	10	4	3	1	1	3	0	29	26	11	7	14	20
Bill Law, rh	6.81	8	6	1	0	0	4	2	35 2/3	51	34	27	6	14
Marshall Crutcher, rh	3.46	7	2	2	0	0	2	1	26	24	14	10	10	16
Paul Saikia, rh	18.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0
EIU TOTALS	4.22	40	40	19	4	4	29	11	279 1/3	286	179	131	123	209
OPPONENTS	8.39	40	40	13	0	2	11	29	262 2/3	406	322	245	165	128